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Mohawks Sponsor Monday's Dance

PROFESSOR DE HAAS TO GIVE TODD LECTURE

Event To Take Place
On Tuesday, May 22

The State Department of Education has just announced the appointment of Professor J. Anton de Haas of Harvard University as the Todd lecturer for this year. Dr. de Haas will deliver his lecture at the Fitchburg Teachers College on Tuesday afternoon, May 22, at 2:00 p. m., on the subject "Democracy Cannot Fail".

Professor de Haas holds the degrees of B. A. and Ph. D. from Stanford University, and M. A. from Harvard University. He has held professorship at Stanford, Ohio State, the University of Rotterdam, New York University, and since 1927 has been Professor of International Relations at Harvard University. He has appeared
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COMMUTING MEN HOLD NOMINATIONS

At the meeting of the Men's Commuting Association held Monday noon Donald Johnson and Russel Gearin were nominated for the office of president for next year. The junior group may, if they wish, nominate one or both of the candidates for president with the understanding that one becomes ineligible for the office of representative upon the election to the presidency.

The present representatives will call meetings of their class groups within the next week at which time the class nominations will be held.



THE CROSS

By Helen Gibson
Who knew or guessed that
tragic day
So many years apart,
When high a Cross stood bleak
and lone,
And men looked on aghast,
That after trembling years
were o'er
That wooden Cross of Pain
Would change into a symbol
Of Hope for man again?

W. A. A. BOARD MAKES NOMINATIONS

The W. A. A. Board nominated for President Ruth Hughes and Lillian Szocik, for White Team Captain Ursula Mulcahy and Sirkka Waris, and for Orange Team Captain Elizabeth O'Connor and Helvi Winturri at a special meeting on Monday, April 3.

Nominations for other W. A. A. officers and heads of sports will be made following the election of the President and the Team Captains.

WILL BE FIRST POST-LENLEN DANCE

Old Clothes To Be Worn
By Everyone Attending

The dance Monday evening will be an "Old Clothes Dance" sponsored by the Mohawks. Orchestra and refreshments will be provided.

President O'Sheasy of the club says "That the students appreciate and prefer this positive type of entertainment (e.g., that in which they actively participate) is evidenced by the large attendance at the Mohawk Night Dance last fall and at the Lenten Roller Skating Party."

The dance will begin at the usual time, 6:30 and will be held in the gym. The entire school is invited. In stressing his wish that all attend, O'Sheasy says, "It's a Mohawk presentation—your guarantee of fun."

SAXIFRAGE ELECTIONS HELD BY JUNIOR CLASS

The Junior Class in their class meeting on April 3 elected the following to serve as members for the 1940 Saxifrage: Herbert Downs, Editor; Lester Aldrich, Assistant Editor; Harry O'Connell, Business Manager; Helen Harnett, Assistant Business-Manager; Russell Gearin, Organization Editor; Barbara Baldwin, Art Editor; Helen Gibson, Feature Editor; Alfred Turner, Sports Editor for the boys; Ruth Hughes, Sports Editor for the girls; Phyllis Batterson, Photography; Mary Gibbons, Biography Editor; and Sargent Stanley, Advertising Manager.



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GOOD FRIDAY

“From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.”

—Matthew 27:45

Even nature frowned upon the scene, when after thirty hours of sleepless agony Jesus was hanging on the cross. He had been insulted, hunted as a fugitive, spat upon, crowned with thorns, lied about, unjustly tried, and falsely condemned, and now was being ignominiously executed. What indescribable maliciousness! What fiendlike re-quital of immeasurable love!

The pathos of the situation lies in the fact that history repeats itself. The world still has diadems for baseness and selfish greed, and a cross for innocence, purity and love. The danger is that we shall re-enact that ugly deed and crucify again the Lord of Light and Life.

The lesson of this story lies not so much in the learning of the history of its solemn facts as in the warning of the danger of consenting through indifference and unbelief to the death of the spirit of the only Power that can redeem us. Righteousness can never be crucified in any age by any individual or class of individuals with impunity.

THE ASHTRAY

by Roger D. Holt

He's Got a Licorice Stick: Henry Lambert recently placed an advertisement in a trade journal for a man to play saxophone and double on the clarinet, and received the following postcard communication, which, he admits, has him stumped: “Henry, Lambert, Dear, Sir, i, am, a, good, Sax, Player, But, i, have, no, instrument i Double, Drums, But, i, have, no Drums, i, have, only, a, B, Clarinet, if, you, neede my, write, State, Salary, and Accomodations.”.....“What has me baffled,” says Hank, “is that he HAS a Clarinet, but he doesn't say whether he can play it or NOT.”

It's Here Again: Spring. Ah! beautiful spring! It makes me just itch to get out—but I think I'll leave them on a while longer.....Women's hats this year won't be ordered by size, but by project numbers.....Spring Fever hasn't got our Associate Editor yet—Les Aldrich tells me he still jumps out of bed and takes a brisk walk—over to his orange-juice.....It's awfully hard for me to make up my mind what kind of breakfast food to eat—I can't decide whether I want to be an all-american football star, a big-league baseball player, or a rip-roarin' cowboy.

High Hat Doffs: I take off my topper too: Walter Harrod, who rattles milk bottles when he comes home so his parents will think it is the milkman.....Bill Donovan, who says, “You know what a non-entity is—a zero with the rim taken off.”.....Marie Neudorf, who successfully laid her coat on a revolving stool at a soda fountain.

Sillyonyms: “Librat”—a noisy individual in the library.....the height of the ridiculous—calling in an iceman to repair a Frigidaire.....Thirty Days—what September has—also my uncle for speeding.

Editor's Note

Due to lack of space, Ray Boyce's name was omitted as the writer of last week's editorial on parliamentary procedure.

A TRIBUTE

"The meeting is adjourned"—just a few simple words repeated now for the fortieth time, yet there is in them something particularly significant to all of us. They mark the end of the work of our first Student Cooperative Council.

When President Dormin first uttered them last fall, our Council was a baby learning to walk. Our baby did not immediately spring from the crib and run around the room. A long difficult learning process took place. During this time, not every attempt to walk alone was successful. However, each failure was an experience, and each experience brought the Council farther along the road of achievement. Today, we can proudly say our Council has attained a rank comparable to any of its kind.

The Council members have worked effectively as a group and also as individuals. As a body, they sponsored several big worthwhile projects. As individuals, each member was alive to his own responsibilities and saw to it that they were carried out.

Our president, Ellen Dormin, is an outstanding example of this. Her ex-officio guidance proved to be of great help in many a Council activity. Her grit and perseverance together with her fine executive ability enabled her to see each task which was begun, finished. Her modest unassuming manner made her co-workers on the Council both love and respect her.

William Donovan, our vice-president, is another member who performed his duties exceptionally well. His printing and distributing of schedules and passbooks were indeed major accomplishments, but his tireless efforts as head of the committee in re-organizing the Saxifrage, also deserve commenda-



Ellen Dormin



Ruth Lagsdin



Bill Donovan



Aubrey Hastings

tion.

Secretary Ruth Lagsdin has rendered her services cheerfully and conscientiously. Her pencil busily occupied in writing notes often prevented her from participating in the weekly discussions. Nevertheless, we are grateful for her unusual thoroughness in keeping the minutes of the Council and for her careful planning in the schedule for meetings of organizations.

Aubrey Hastings has done a notable piece of work in balancing the Council treasury. No doubt his experience as senior class treasurer has helped him in handling our finances with such acumen. His worth as a sincere and dependable worker is appreciated.

Mary Chase, chairman of the Social Committee and senior representative, has labored diligently for the benefit of the entire student body. The arrangement of the Social Calendar, the Freshmen Reception, the Women's Banquet, the Carnival Week-end, these and many more were the results of Mary's thoughtful scheming. Besides her superior skill in organizing and

running social affairs, Mary is endowed with a keen, alert mind which has displayed itself during many lively Council debates.

John Gearan, senior representative who was in charge of the Men's Banquet and the Monday Night Dances, has assisted greatly in making these social events what they were. To him also credit is due for his willing co-operation and interest.

Junior representatives, Howard Hill and Eva Trafton, filled their positions on the Financial and Cultural committees with extraordinary efficiency.

Clair Andrews for her policies and Tatuno Tamminen for his work on the Athletic Committee have received approval not only by the sophomore class but by the whole Association.

Even our freshmen representatives, Robert Patch and Dorothy Dahlquist have done their part in making the Council a vital functioning organ.

To the faculty advisors, Dean Bradt, Dean Weston, and Mr. Hammond, who have expended so much time and energy in behalf of the Council, we owe our deepest appreciation.



Food For Thought

The greatest sin—Fear.
The best day—Today.
The biggest fool—The boy who will not go to school.
The best town—Where you succeed.

The most agreeable companion—One who would not have you any different from what you are.

The great bore—One who will not come to the point.

A still greater bore—One who keeps on talking after he has made his point.

The greatest deceiver—One who deceives himself.

The greatest invention of the devil—War.

The greatest secret of production—Saving waste.

The best work—What you like.
The best play—Work.

The greatest comfort—The knowledge that you have done your work well.

The greatest mistake—Giving up.

The most expensive indulgence—Hate.

The cheapest, stupidest and easiest thing to do—Finding fault.

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Injecting The Dramatic

An English class was given the task of writing four lines of dramatic poetry.

One boy wrote:

"A boy was walking down the [track.

The train was coming fast.

The boy stepped off the railroad [track

To let the train go past."

The teacher said it lacked drama, so the boy submitted the following:

"A boy was walking down the [track,

The train was coming fast.

The train jumped off the rail-[road track

To let the boy go past."

The greatest trouble maker—One who talks too much.

The greatest stumbling block—Egotism.

The most ridiculous asset—Pride.

The worst bankrupt—The soul that has lost its enthusiasm.

The cleverest man—One who always does what he thinks is right.

The most dangerous person—The liar.

The most disagreeable person—The complainer.

The best teacher—One who makes you want to learn.

The meanest feeling of which any human being is capable—Feeling bad at another's success.

The greatest need—Common sense.

The greatest puzzle—Life.

The greatest mystery—Death.

The greatest thought—God.

The greatest thing, bar none,

in all the world—Love.

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FRATERNITY WOMEN'S COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES COLLEGE ESSAY CONTEST

With the cooperation of outstanding leaders in our national life, New York City alumnae groups of the twenty-three national women's fraternities have just announced an essay contest devoted to a consideration of America's so-called "four freedoms", in 846 colleges and universities of the country, according to information received from Miss Sophie P. Woodman, chairman of the Fraternity Women's Committee for the New York World's Fair.

Information on the essay contest may be obtained from your editor or from the committee's headquarters at the Hotel Beekman Tower, 3 Mitchell Place, New York headquarters of the National Panhellenic Fraternities.

A trip to the World's Fair, with one week's all expense stay at the Committee headquarters, the Hotel Beekman Tower, New York, is the first prize in the contest. Second and third prizes are cash awards of \$25 and \$15 respectively, and an all-expense stay of one week at the Beekman Tower, not including railroad transportation. In the areas adjacent to New York, \$100 first prize will be given in lieu of the round trip transportation to the Fair. Winners will be given special recognition at "Panhellenic Day" at the World's Fair.

"The Oswegonian" of Oswego, N. W., Normal has a novel feature called "In Review". Herein are discussed current world events in a forceful, if biased, manner. However, we should have more respect for the column if it were signed.

STUDENT CONDUCTS WAR ATTITUDE POLL

Twenty-five percent of F. T. C. men believe they would refuse to participate in a European war which this country entered, even if drafted, according to an informal poll of war attitudes conducted by Clifton Hulbert here during the last few weeks. Fitchburg men do believe that there will be such a war within eighteen months, and that the United States will become involved in it.

Within Eighteen Months

One-hundred-two men were questioned in the poll to determine attitudes toward the Ludlow Amendment, which would provide for referendum before Congress could engage in war outside this continent. Of these, thirty-three percent believe that war will start within the next six months, and a total of fifty-five percent placed it within the next eighteen months. Twenty-four percent do not expect war in the next five years. Two-thirds expect this country to be drawn into the war if it comes.

In the event of American entry, twenty-four percent would volunteer for service, fifty-one percent would fight if drafted, and twenty-five percent would refuse to respond to draft, taking whatever the consequences might be as an alternative.

Ludlow Amendment

Opinion on the Ludlow Amendment was closely divided, about fifty-six percent of those questioned being in favor of it. Nearly all favor armaments.

Fitchburg men were shown to be more pacifistic than the women, in a master's thesis, "A Comparison of War Attitudes of Northern and Southern Students", written by Joseph Gagliardi of last year's graduate division. This thesis, based on the Thurstone "Attitude

CORRELATED ART CLASS TO VISIT PROVIDENCE

Miss Conlon's sophomore classes in correlated art activities are planning a trip to Providence, Rhode Island on April 18.

They intend to observe the activity program as it is worked out in the schools there, that they may see in practice the plan they have been studying. In addition, they will visit a museum.

Todd Lecture

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as lecturer at the Fitchburg Teachers College in past years and is no stranger to upperclassmen.

Among his many activities may also be listed that he served as a captain in the U. S. Army during the war, as Examiner of the Federal Trade Commission, and as Chairman of the official United States delegation to the World Federation of Education Associations in Tokyo, Japan.

He has written many books and articles on foreign trade and international questions and is at present the American representative of the Summer Institute which will be conducted by the combined universities of Holland in Leyden during the month of July of this year.

"Toward War" test results obtained at Fitchburg and at Tusculum, Tennessee, Teachers College, indicates also that the southerners are more pacifistic.

P. A. Military

P. A. men are more militaristic than academic men, according to Gagliardi's report. Seniors, also are more pacifistic than juniors, though the difference due to age seems insignificant.

According to Thurstone's interpretation of the obtained scores, Fitchburg students are "mildly pacifistic", and the Tennessee group "strongly pacifistic".

DON JOHNSON WINS CHECKER TOURNAMENT

Don Johnson won the commuters' checker tournament finals March 28, in four straight games, after losing one to Tom Sweeney.

Tom took the first when two successive choice jumps gave him the extra man and a king. The second went to Don when a double jump gave him a two-man advantage and a king. The third looked very close until Tom forced a man, and then lost two.

The next was similarly close until Johnson's waiting policy led to an exchange which put Tom on the spot. The last game was obviously Don's from the start, clinching the tournament.

Runners-up in the contest were Stan English and "Stoop" Deveicis. About twenty men took part, and large groups watched all the major games.

MOHAWKS DISCUSS WORLD CONDITIONS

At the Mohawk club meeting on Monday evening, Henry Kosciusko led a lively discussion, the first of a series, on current world affairs. In his talk Brave Kosciusko expounded the theory that the present fad for "land grabbing", as now practiced by the dictator nations, dates back to the Sino-Japanese war of the early part of this decade. This conclusive and authoritative report immediately gave way to a heated debate between Braves Daniels and Sullivan. Daniels falling back on Langsom as his authority attempted to refute the arguments set forth by Brave Sullivan who upheld the views of Brave Kosciusko.

Continuing in our present vein, Brave Moore will lead a discussion at the next meeting on "Skeletons in the European Closet".

Heated tempers were cooled as Moore and Kosciusko concluded the evening's activities by blending their voices in a beautiful rendition of "The Palms".

DELEGATES REPORT ON NEW YORK CONFERENCE

The Conference of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers offers distinctive opportunities for delegates attending it. The trip to New York City and all the accompanying incidents from visiting the Horace Mann School and window-shopping along Fifth Avenue to dancing at the Hotel Pennsylvania roof-garden and eating via a slot machine in an automat are not the least of the advantages.

The panel discussions were the main elements of the conference. The topics of these groups were vital and significant. I attended the conference on "Future Teachers College Curriculums". The members of this group were greatly impressed with the need of developing in prospective teachers a sincerity of purpose, a strength of body and character, and integrity of thought. The group felt that the elementary and secondary school child must be made acutely conscious of the world about him—of current events, unemployment situations, social security possibilities, and the necessity of international machinery. In order that the child be made aware of these subjects, the teacher must be an authority. It was urged that the curriculum of teachers colleges include courses in government—local, federal, international, in mental hygiene, home economics, family relationships, safety education, and all types of physical education—particularly those activities such as swimming, tennis, and golf which are used in actual life.

Faculty-student relationships, student cooperation, the responsibility of the individual in managing and attending social affairs were all-important problems. Delegates from colleges that have had student governments and associations over a period of years assured us that the cause

of most of our problems at Fitchburg is the extreme youth of our government and that those problems would be cured or eliminated as our cooperative association grew.

I want to thank the Student Cooperative Association for making it possible for my attending the New York Conference.

—Mary Chase

Last Friday morning I covered the conference, "Student Participation in College Programs."

The three main topics on which discussion was based were:

a. To what extent should students participate in the development of policies?

b. In what major activities should students cooperate with faculty members and administrative officers?

c. What opportunities are provided for student participation in the development of the educational program?

It was agreed by the chairman and the speakers that the activities to be considered were extracurricular, and that the speakers would in their informal talks relate as much as possible to the systems at their respective schools.

It was agreed upon by all the speakers that more of the social planning should be left to the students; the main argument being that as future teachers the experience would be of decided value. Most of the colleges had faculty sponsors of the Student Cooperative Council, but one student gave a most interesting report on his council which was purely student with no faculty advisor. The theme of his speech being that his school was Student Cooperative, and everything was done by the students. He further stressed the point that the system in vogue at his school did away with "apple polishers".

Under major activities which students and faculty members should cooperate in presenting were: receptions, assemblies,

SCHEDULE

Week of April 10

Monday

- 12:35 P. M.—Intra-mural board meeting.
- 3:30 P. M.—Intra-mural volleyball.
- 4:00 P. M.—Baseball practice.
- 6:30 P. M.—Mohawk dance. (gym)

Tuesday

- 11:00 A. M.—Assembly.
- 12:20 P. M.—Co-ed recreation.
- 4:00 P. M.—Girls' volleyball.
- 4:00 P. M.—Baseball practice.

Wednesday

- 12:20 P. M.—Co-ed recreation.
- 4:00 P. M.—Intra-mural volleyball.
- 4:00 P. M.—Baseball practice.

Thursday

- 4:00 P. M.—Girls' volleyball.
- 4:00 P. M.—Baseball practice.

Friday

- 12:20 P. M.—Co-ed recreation.
- 4:00 P. M.—Baseball practice.

social events, and the school publication.

In regard to student participation in the development of the educational program a rather heated argument arose. Some students believed that the students who paid for and took a course should be at liberty to judge the worth of the course; while still others firmly believed that the state who decided the curriculum and pays the instructors should be the judge.

The utter foolishness of student attempts to revise curriculum or make changes in the educational program were shown in the report of the Washington D. C. student.

The entire panel impressed me with the factor that in good school government we not only need student cooperation of the highest type, but also we need faculty-student cooperation in the classroom and outside.

—Anna Clifford.